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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SUZUKI ET AL.

Examiner

Aamer S. Ahmed

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE _____ MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 July 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 8-15, 18 and 19 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 16 and 17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/05/2005.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☒ Other: IDS 07/18/2003.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election with traverse of Group 1, claims 1-7, 16 and 17 in the reply filed on July 27, 2006 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the claims from the other groups could be examined with serious burden. This is not found persuasive because there is still a burden of search on the examiner because the claims are drawn to different inventions.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-7, 16 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Suzuki et al US (6595948 B2).

Suzuki et al discloses a peritoneal dialysis apparatus (2) including at least one dialysis fluid container filled (4) with a dialysis fluid, a dialysis fluid circuit containing at least one drained fluid container (6) for recovering the dialysis fluid, fluid delivery means (7) for delivering the dialysis fluid with the dialysis fluid container as a start point or the

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drained fluid container as an end point, input means (see fig. 26) for inputting dialysis conditions including an amount of infusion fluid, a staying time, the number of cycles, a total dialysis time, and a total amount of infusion fluid, and display means for displaying the inputted dialysis conditions, wherein dialysis is performed by delivering the dialysis fluid to a patient by the delivery means and recovering the drained fluid and; either a first therapy mode or a second therapy mode is selectable, and the first therapy mode is adapted to calculate the total amount of dialysis fluid on the basis of the amount of infusion fluid, the staying time, and the number of cycles, which are set-up and inputted in the input means and the second therapy mode is adapted to calculate the total amount of dialysis fluid and the staying time on the basis of the dialysis time, the amount of infusion fluid, and the number of cycles, which are set-up and inputted in the input means; and a therapy start time is settable in both the first therapy mode and the second therapy mode, and further including means for automatically calculating after the second therapy mode is selected and set-up, the staying time and a dialysis end time per one cycle by setting up and inputting a desired dialysis time (see fig. 26); a means for generating an alarm (fig. 27) and wherein the display device is a portable terminal.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Aamer S. Ahmed whose telephone number is 571-272-5965. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday 9-5.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nicholas Lucchesi can be reached on 571-272-4977. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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